

53A-1-304 Autism Awareness Restricted Account.

- (1) There is created in the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Autism Awareness Restricted Account."
- (2) The account shall be funded by:
 - (a) contributions deposited into the account in accordance with Section 41-1a-422;
 - (b) private contributions; and
 - (c) donations or grants from public or private entities.
- (3) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the superintendent shall distribute funds in the account to one or more charitable organizations that:
 - (a) qualify as being tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
 - (b) promote access to resources and responsible information for individuals of all ages who have, or are affected by, autism or related conditions;
 - (c) is an independent organization that has representation from state agencies and private providers serving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families in the state;
 - (d) includes representation of:
 - (i) national and local autism advocacy groups, as available; and
 - (ii) interested parents and professionals; and
 - (e) does not endorse any specific treatment, therapy, or intervention used for autism.
- (4)
 - (a) An organization described in Subsection (3) may apply to the superintendent to receive a distribution in accordance with Subsection (3).
 - (b) An organization that receives a distribution from the superintendent in accordance with Subsection (3) shall expend the distribution only to:
 - (i) pay for autism education and public awareness of programs and related services in the state;
 - (ii) enhance programs designed to serve individuals with autism;
 - (iii) provide support to caregivers providing services for individuals with autism;
 - (iv) pay for academic scholarships and research efforts in the area of autism spectrum disorder; and
 - (v) pay the costs of issuing or reordering Autism Awareness Support special group license plate decals.
 - (c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education may make rules providing procedures for an organization to apply to the superintendent to receive a distribution under Subsection (3).

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